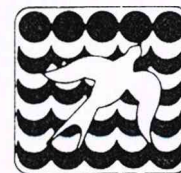




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Dr. John Kendrew
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Dear Dr. Kendrew:

You should have received these days an official invitation from President Mario Soares of Portugal, the Chairman of our newly established Independent World Commission on the Oceans, inviting you to join the Commission and to participate in our first Plenary Session, on September 6, 7, and 8, at the United Nations University in Tokyo.

I am attaching today (a) a provisional agenda; and (b) some information on logistics which has been issued by the local organiser, INTERCOM. I hope that everything is clear.

You will note that you kindly should make your own travel arrangements, and that the air fare (business class) will be refunded in cash in Tokyo. You will also note that your expenses at the Westin Hotel in Tokyo are fully covered. However, if you prefer another hotel, you would be responsible for the difference in price between the Westin (23,000 Yen) and the Hotel of your choice. You should kindly advise Ms Masako Otsuka, INTERCOM, fax 81 3 3586 4706, of your decision as well as of your flight number and arrival time.

A set of documentation for the meeting will be sent within the next two weeks.

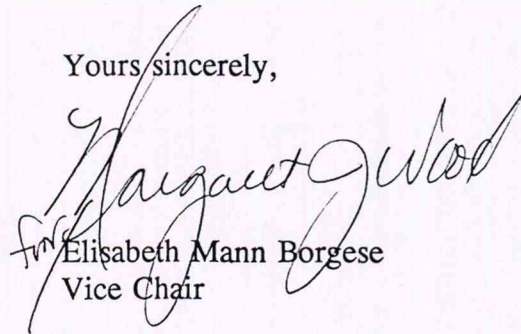
I very much hope it will be possible for you to join us in Tokyo. This first session of the Commission is of fundamental importance for the orientation and organisation of our work, and I am convinced that this Commission has a unique opportunity to offer a "vision" and make a long-term contribution to the making of a somewhat better world. But what we do today is decisive for the chances of realising the long-term vision. Ocean policy is being made this year

and next year, and we are in an exceptionally good position to influence it. We need your help and cooperation.

The time between now and Tokyo is very short indeed, and I would be most grateful if you could let me know just as soon as possible whether you will be able to attend as I fervently hope.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Wood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

for Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Vice Chair

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1 August, 1995

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By fax to 00-1-902-494-2034

Dear Elisabeth Mann Borgese,

It was very good to hear from you after a long interval: I rather think you will have forgotten, but we met many years ago in Florence when I was visiting my mother, Evelyn Sandberg Vavalà.

Very many thanks for your invitation to join your Commission, which I am very happy to accept, and also to attend your meeting at the UNU in Tokyo on September 6 - 8 next.

By the way, I have not yet received the official invitation from President Mario Soares, but this will no doubt reach me shortly.

I shall advise Masako Otsuka of my travel and hotel arrangements shortly, but I do plan to stay in the Westin Hotel.

I very much look forward to the meeting, and to seeing you in Tokyo.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely

John Kendrew

Sir John Kendrew

P.S. I note that your letter gives a now out-of-date telephone number; the correct number, for both telephone and fax, is now 44 1223 891 545.

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To: Sir John Kendrew
FAX No: 44 1223 891 545

From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
FAX No.: 1 902 868 2455

Date: 5 August, 1995

Subject: Your fax dated August 1 1995

Dear John,

of course I remember your visit to Florence. We met with Robert Hutchins and Rene Dubos and quite a few other people, on the "roof articles" for Encyclopaedia Britannica!

Bob Hutchins invited me to Santa Barbara, after that meeting, and I stayed at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions until Bob's death. I started my ocean project --which eventually led to this World Commission --at Santa Barbara! Then, to my own total amazement, I became Professor here at Dalhousie University.

I have chaired the International Ocean Institute since I founded it in 1972, and it is quite big now, with operational centres in 8 countries.

It will be nice indeed to see you again in Tokyo.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth



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To: Sir John Kendrew
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From: Elisabeth Mann Borgese
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Date: 29 August, 1995

Subject: World Commission

My dear John,

I was quite shocked to be notified --very late indeed --by President Soares' office of the sudden cancellation of our meeting and its postponement to December.

Let me only hope this has not caused you too much inconvenience. Since I got you into this, I feel a bit responsible.

Our Japanese hosts wrote, advising me that they have accepted the postponement and that the new date for the session is December 13, 14, 15. All else remains unchanged.

I hope and pray you may be available at that time!

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth

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Dear Elisabeth,

Many thanks for your letter of 29 August; I found this, together with messages from President Soares' office and from Masaka Otsuka in Tokyo, on my return from a trip abroad on 31 August.

I too was shocked by the late notification of the postponement of the meeting. Fortunately I am able to come to Tokyo on December 13-15 - fortunately because I had already paid for my ticket, and had the postponement been indefinite I am not clear how I would have recovered the cost of the ticket - a not inconsiderable sum! - as it is my ticket is now open-dated.

Although the message from Dr Coelho gave no clear reasons for the postponement, I suspect that the real reason was that the original invitations from the President (mine was dated as late as 18 August) gave such short notice of the original dates that many people must have indicated that they could not attend. I must say I have some doubts whether the position will be much more favourable for a meeting so close to Christmas - but let us be optimistic!

In any case I very much hope to see you in December.

With all good wishes, and again many thanks for writing,

Yours sincerely

John

John Kendrew